requested for revival of the scheme in the central sector which the Planning Commission has agreed to consider in the IX Plan. In the meantime, assistance has been provided to hte State under another Centrally sponsored scheme for development of Kaziranga National Park, but out of Rs. 88.58 lakhs released to them in 1993-94, Rs. 47.80 lakhs is yet to be spent which has been revalidated for utilization during 1996-97.

(b) The population of rhinos in the country as per 1995 assesment is 1566 as compared to the 1991 estimate of 1567.

रेलवे में संशोधनों की कमी

796. श्री अमरनाथ देवशंकर दवे: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेलवे को संसाधनों की भारी कमी के कारण मजबूरन कुछ परियोजनाओं में कटौती करनी पड़ सकती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कारण से प्रभावित होने वाली परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या रेलवे इन परियोजनाओं के लिए स्वयं संसाधन जुटाने का विचार रखता है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) क्या संसाधनों की भारी कमी के कारण गुजरात में कुछ रेल परियोजनाएं प्रभावित हो रही है और राज्य में ऐसी कुछ परियोजनाओं का कार्य इसी कारण से बन्द कर दिया गया है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) से (ङ) निवेश योजना तथा रेल परियोजनाओं को शुरू करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है जो यातायात आवश्यकताओं और निधि की उपलब्धता पर आधारित होती है। चल रही परियोजनाओं की केवल गति निधि की कमी से धीमी हो जाएगी।

Delay in ticket booking at Hyderabad and Secunderabad stations

797. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average time required to book a berth at Hyderabad is over 90 minutes during office hours;

(b) if so, whether computerisation has not made any impact on passenger convenience; and

(c) the specific reasons for delay at reservation offices in Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Hike in the Prices of Fertilizers

798. SHPI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the prices of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to control the same?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Urea is the only fertilizer under the statutory price control. There is no increase in its price since June, 1994.

(b) Phosphatic and potassic fertilizers were decontrolled on the recommendation of the joint Parliamentary Committee on Fertilizer Pricing. Their prices have gone up primarily due to increase in the cost of imported raw materials like phosphoric Acid and Ammonia and depreciation of Rupee vis-a-vis dollar.

(c) The Government has increased the concession on these fertilizers to mitigate the impact of increase in their prices on the farmers as follows:

(Rs. per tonne)

	From	To
DAP (Indigenous)	: 1000	3000
DAP (Imported)	: —	1500
MOP	: 1000	1500
Complexes	: 435-999	1304-2633
SSP	: 340	500